हिमाचल प्रदेश मे बाई-पास और पुलों के निर्माण हेतु धन

1691. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने हिमाचल प्रदेश में कुल्लू शहर के पास राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर बाईपास और पुलों के निर्माण के लिए धनराशि संस्वीकृत की है,

(ख) क्या प्राक्कलन भी संस्वीकृत कर दिये गये हैं, यदि हां, तो कब और संस्वीकृत धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) इन निर्माण कार्यों में से प्रत्येक की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम0 राजसेकर मूर्ति) : (क) और (ख) हिमाचल प्रदेश में रा0 रा0-21 पर कुल्लू बाईपास (पुलों सहित) के निर्माण से संबंधित परियोजना अनुमान के लिए दिसम्बर, 1994 में 19.32 करोड़ रु0 की राशि संस्वीकृत की गई थी, जिसके ब्यौरे इस प्रकार हैं :-

(करोड़ रु0)

सड़क भाग	7.27
पुल भाग	12.05
	19.32

(ग) इस बाईपास के निर्माण का कार्य राज्य लो0 नि0 वि0 ने संभाल लिया है । पुल कार्यों के लिए निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जा रही हैं ।

Funding National Parks

1692. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Parks are funded by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the funds allocated to different national Parks during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have also a proposal to provide funds to the Elephant sanctuaries, Bird sanctuaries and crocodile sanctuaries too; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The funds allocated under different schemes by Cental Government during the last 3 years is given vide statement (see below).

(c) and (d) Assistance is already being given for the development of sanctuaries in the country under centrally sponsored schemes of 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries', Project Elephant' 'Project Tiger' and 'Eco-development in and around national parks and sanctuaries', which cover the species specific sanctuaries as mentioned in the question.

Statement

Funds Allocated to National Parks

(Rs. in Lacs)

S. No.	Scheme	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1	Development of Naitonal Parks and sanctuaries	274.16	382.32	356.14
2	Eco-development in and around National Parks and Sanctuaries	159.63	257.49	230.19

3	'Project Tiger	654.052	760.802	979.998
4	'Project Elephant	200.00	558.60	480.00

•Under 'Project Elephant' scheme, assistance is provided^to the States for identified elephant habitats, which also include some national parks. Under Project Tiger assistance is provided to the States for identified 'Tiger reserves' whose core areas are primarily National Parks.

New Petroleum Policy

1693. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) at what level the New Petroleum Policy was approved;

(b) whether it was subjected to a National level debate before approving; and

(c) how does our New Petroleum Policy compare with that of other Asian Countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) In the wake of the new Industrial Policy and the economic reforms enunciated by the Government, the Hydrocarbon sector has been opened for private/foreign investment in various areas like exploration, refining and marketing. Different elements of the New Petroleum Policy are introduced in consultation with other concerned Ministries after approval of competent authority. Various issues have been and are being discussed widely at different fora. New policy initiatives are being taken to meet the strategic objective of developing a dynamic and vibrant Oil Industry which would be internationally competitive and capable of global presence. The new policy is still envolving.

Linking of Kakinada with Madras by Buckingham Canal

1694. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in regard of linking of Kakinada with Madras through Buckingham Canal in order to improve inland water transport facilities;

(b) if so, whether Government have given its approval to the project;

. (c) if not, by when the project is likely to be cleared;

(d) the estimated cost of the project; and

(e) the financial assitance likely to be provided by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (e) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the improvement of Buckingham Canal, Commamur Canal, Eluri Canal and Kakinada Canal, was submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in 1988. The matter was examined in consultation with the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Ultimately, it was decided by the Inland Waterways